

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

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1. A cosmetic preparation comprising a collagenase inhibitor at a concentration effective to reduce a collagenase activity in a skin, wherein the collagenase inhibitor comprises boron.
 2. The cosmetic preparation of claim 1 wherein the preparation is topically applied to the skin.
 3. The cosmetic preparation of claim 2 further comprising a skin penetration enhancer.
 4. The cosmetic preparation of claim 2 wherein the collagenase inhibitor is formulated in a liposome formulation.
 5. The cosmetic preparation of claim 1 wherein the collagenase inhibitor comprises borate in a complex with at least one ligand.
 6. The cosmetic preparation of claim 5 wherein the ligand is selected from the group consisting of a carbohydrate, an amino acid, and an ascorbate.
 7. The cosmetic preparation of claim 6 wherein the carbohydrate is selected from the group consisting of a fructose, a mannitol, and a sorbitol.
 8. The cosmetic preparation of claim 6 wherein the amino acid is serine.
 9. The cosmetic preparation of claim 1 wherein the collagenase activity comprises hydrolysis of collagen I and collagen IV.
 10. The cosmetic preparation of claim 9 wherein the reduction of the collagenase activity is at least 20% for collagen I and collagen IV.
 11. The cosmetic preparation of claim 9 wherein the reduction of the collagenase activity is at least 50% for collagen I and collagen IV.
 12. The cosmetic preparation of claim 1 wherein the reduction of the collagenase activity reduces appearance of wrinkles in the skin.

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~~14.~~ The method of claim ~~13~~ wherein the step of applying the preparation comprises massaging the preparation into the skin.

15. The method of claim 13 wherein the cosmetic preparation comprises a skin preparation enhancer.

~~16.~~ The method of claim ~~13~~ wherein the collagenase inhibitor is formulated in a liposome formulation.

~~17~~. The method of claim ~~13~~ wherein the collagenase inhibitor comprises borate in a complex with at least one ligand.

~~18.~~ The method of claim ~~13~~ wherein the ligand is selected from the group consisting of a carbohydrate, an amino acid, and an ascorbate.

~~19.~~ The method of claim ~~13~~ wherein the collagenase activity comprises hydrolysis of collagen I and collagen IV.

~~20.~~ The method of claim ~~13~~ wherein the reduction of the collagenase activity reduces the formation of wrinkles in the skin.